

RELIEF OF THE ALIENS JACQUES HAILPERN, MAX HAIL-
PERN, AND SALLY HAILPERN ZAHARIA

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Mr. HOLMAN, from the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 1541]

The Committee on Immigration, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1541), for the relief of Jacques Hailpern, Max Hailpern, and Sally Hailpern Zaharia, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate with an amendment, and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendment is as follows: Page 1, strike out the language on lines 9 to 12, inclusive, reading as follows:

Upon the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct three numbers from the Rumanian quota of the first year that the said Rumanian quota is available.

PURPOSE OF SAID BILL

The bill, as amended, is designed to authorize the Attorney General to record the lawful admission for permanent residence of the aliens named therein as of December 23, 1939, the date on which they were admitted temporarily to the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There was presented a letter from the Attorney General of the United States as follows:

HON. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,
Chairman, Committee on Immigration,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR RUSSELL: This is in response to your request for the views of this Department relative to a bill (H. R. 1541) to provide that Jacques Hailpern, Max Hailpern, and Sally Hailpern Zaharia shall be deemed to have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of December 23, 1939, the date on which they were admitted temporarily to the United States.

It appears from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department that Jacques Hailpern, his brother, Max Hailpern, and his sister, Sally Hailpern Zaharia, who are 58, 53, and 61 years of age, respectively, are natives and citizens of Rumania. While in their native land, they were engaged in the business of buying and exporting grain. Mr. Louis G. Michael, agricultural liaison officer of the Department of State, has advised this Department, by letter dated November 18, 1941, that the Hailperns collaborated with his office while he was agricultural attaché of the American Legation at Belgrade, Jugoslavia, and supplied him with valuable data relating to crops, acreage, production, and export surpluses.

These aliens arrived in the United States on December 23, 1939, as temporary visitors for a period of 6 months. They reside in New York City and are said to have a good reputation. It is also said that they are in good financial condition.

During the pendency of the legislation under consideration they obtained the right to remain permanently in the United States by leaving the country and reentering on June 24, 1941, as permanent residents, in possession of quota immigration visas. As the result of this procedure these individuals have become permanent residents of the United States, but they will not become eligible to naturalization until June 24, 1946, whereas if the bill under consideration is enacted, the date of their admission for permanent residence will relate back to December 23, 1939, and they will be eligible for naturalization on December 23, 1944.

In the light of the foregoing circumstances the legislation under consideration would merely shorten the time within which these aliens may become naturalized citizens of the United States.

Whether or not the bill should be enacted involves a question of legislative policy, concerning which I prefer not to make any suggestions.

If, however, the bill should receive favorable consideration, it is suggested that it be amended by striking out the last sentence which would instruct the Secretary of State to direct the proper quota-control officer to deduct three numbers from the Rumanian quota. The deductions for these aliens were made when they were admitted to the United States for permanent residence on June 24, 1941, and no further deductions should be made.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS BIDDLE,
Attorney General.

Your committee, after carefully considering the facts and evidence in this case, recommend that the bill, as amended, be favorably reported to the Senate, and that the bill H. R. 1541 do pass.

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